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From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Wed 1/27/2016 2:44:52 PM
Subject: RE: Capitol Report

Thanks, I'll pass along.

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From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:50 PM
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FYI

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Bill Otto <Bill.Otto@house.mo.gov>
Subject: Re: Capitol Report

Thanks Rep. Otto,

I can confirm for you that there is no limit on what a PRP can be required to fund in a year on a site they are funding cleanup under EPA orders or consent, such as the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.

Best

Curtis Carey

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2015, at 2:54 PM, Bill Otto <Bill.Otto@house.mo.gov> wrote:

I have heard numerous times that the PRP's can only be required to spend up to \$10 mil a year for cleanup.. not true?

Bill Otto

From: Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Bill Otto
Cc: Harvey Ferdman; Washburn, Ben
Subject: FW: Capitol Report

Dear Rep. Otto,

I trust you've had a good Thanksgiving Holiday. I wanted to reach out and let you know that the statement below is incorrect:

"...the PRP's can only be required to spend so much a year for cleanup, which could actually extend the cleanup if the cost is outside the allotted amount required."

There is no statutory limit on the amount a PRP can be required to expend per year for a PRP funded cleanup. If you provide me with the source of your statement I will gladly share it with EPA attorneys for another review.

Best regards,

Curtis

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From: Bill Otto <Bill.Otto@house.mo.gov>
Date: November 24, 2015 at 11:57:09 AM CST
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West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill Report

November 24, 2015

Folks,

There's been a lot of news about the West Lake and Bridgeton landfills lately so I thought I'd try to bring you up to speed on recent developments.

Last week all four Federal elected officials joined together to file legislation to move authority over the radioactive waste from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Corps of Engineers. This is significant for several reasons. First, this is what the community has wanted for quite some time. The trust factor for the EPA is extremely lacking while the Corps has been in North County doing cleanup work for 10 years with no issues and probably will be there for several more years. Since they are already dealing with the origins of the materials that are in the landfills, it makes perfect sense that they can do the same thing in Bridgeton. Something about the cleanup process that always seemed odd was that, with the EPA, the potentially responsible parties (PRP) negotiate the cleanup process. Of course, these folks want to keep costs down as much as possible and often further erodes the public trust as the PRP's look for the cheapest option possible.

Also, the PRP's can only be required to spend so much a year for cleanup, which could actually extend the cleanup if the cost is outside the allotted amount required. With the Corps, the work will be done as they see fit, without negotiations, and the PRP's will be sent the bill. Republic Services wants a cap placed on the radioactive material which is really just rock & dirt placed on top of the material and, of course, the cheapest alternative. By the way, this is what the EPA proposed in 2008 but abandoned, had they enacted this proposal, they would be digging parts of it up due to the proximity of the fire.

Speaking of the fire; none of this has anything to do with the fire that, incidentally, Republic Services actually caused due to mismanagement of the landfill. The fire remains the biggest short term threat to the community although the movement toward the radioactive material has slowed. The EPA and Republic Services had agreed to place a barrier to prevent the fire from reaching the radioactive material but had trouble determining a path because of the discovery of radioactive material in areas they were not aware of. Confusing, eh? Right now the EPA has said they will announce their decision on the barrier by the end of this year and will have a solution to deal with the radioactive material by the end of next year. I've never exactly understood how they announce a decision date; seems to me you announce a decision when you have the facts, no matter the date.

Bottom line: everyone seems to be in agreement that the change of authority from the landfill to the Corps is a good step, and the legislation filed at the Federal level is the right move. The fire has slowed, although there is no proof that it has actually stalled, which should give us time to ensure a barrier is placed or remove the radioactive material from harms way. This is one more step in a long process as we move toward a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

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Bill Otto

State Representative

District 70

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